Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are they to be given clerks?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will there be a Head clerk?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A clerk in the usual grade of Rs. 25—40 will be appointed.

Excess of income anticipated.

366. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to questions Nos. 550 and 551 of the last sitting, will the Government be pleased to state whether they hope to receive any income in excess of their last budget—anticipations and if they do, what their answers are to the said two questions (550 and 551)?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) Yes. Answer to question No. 550. (a) Please see the revised estimates as regards the State. In regard to Cranganur, no excess income is anticipated and no additional expenditure is proposed.

(b) The questions herein do not therefore arise.

(c) and (d) Yes.

551. No portion of the excess this year is proposed to be utilised for reducing or abolishing the salary cut. The last portion of the question does not arise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the excess amount and under what head?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It appears under various heads.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—That is what I exactly want to know.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I have only to refer the Hon'ble Member to the statements in the Budget itself.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why the Customs Head was not included in the receipts from Cranganur?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—There has been no Customs Revenue realisable from Cranganur.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Cranganur being an importamt place in the State, has it not a right to get a portion of the Customs?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It has not been the practice to credit Customs Revenue to Cranganur.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to know the reason.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because Customs Revenue is always credited to the State in which the Port lies. The Port lies in Cochin, therefore the Customs also go to the State.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Is not Cranganur included in Cochin?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—So far as it is included, it gets!

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—As a matter of fact Cranganur is included in Cochin. Is it not just that a portion of the Customs should go to her?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— The Hon'ble Member must know that for Cranganur a separate budget is prepared. Always the customs collected comes to the State in which the Port is. That is what is done everywhere.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Cranganur being a Taluk of the State at least 1/6 of the collections should be given to Cranganur.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— That argument would stand if Cranganur is considered a part of the State and the budget is not prepared separate.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—But Cranganur lies within the State.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—But Cochin Port does not lie in Cranganur.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is this customs included in the receipts under the other Taluks of the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes; but Cranganur has got a different budget.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are you not giving a portion of it to Travancore?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. But it is under a special agreement.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is there not an implied agreement in the case of Cranganur also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no agreement implied or expressed.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you do bare justice? Will you please reconsider the question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is too important a point for me to answer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has not the Cranganur Member of the previous Councils drawn the attention of the Government to this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Was there not a proposal of the Special Finance Committee that a percentage should be given to Cranganur?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is Cranganur considered to be a feudatory principality or as a vassal?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— I can't give an off-hand answer.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government please consider this aspect of the question favourably?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot promise that.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government at least consider this question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It can once again be considered.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, if in (b) the question does not arise how they can say yes to (c) and (d). For the information of the House, may I read the original question? "Question No. 550. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) The particulars of income they have received in the current year over and above the anticipations in the Budget for 1108 and the channels of expenditure of the same they propose.

(b) What portion of the income in (a) they intend to divert for undertaking some at least of the many items of public works they have promised in Cranganur but have not as yet provided for and the names of the works they can so undertake, with the respective dates (approximate) when they will be commenced.

(c) Whether they intended to appreciate the importance of (b) with reference to the depression and unemployment of the time.

(d) Whether they note the further relative importance of the works in (b) when read in the light of their occasional confessions that Cranganur is one of the poorest and most distressed parts of the State."

"Question No. 551. With reference to the income in the above question will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend to utilise any portion of it for abolishing or reducing the salary cut of our officers drawing less than Rs. 100 per mensem on the strength of the precedence in the Madras Presidency and what the abolition or reduction may here amount to.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Question (b) relates to the current year's rates and (c) and (d) refer to matters of policy.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether they have noted the importance in (b) with special reference to depression and unemployment of the time? May I know what they have done to materialise their "yes"?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Many public works have been undertaken to relieve the distress.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know on what grounds is a separate budget maintained for Cranganur?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the Government are aware that my question referring to the reduction or abolition of the salary cut mentioned in question No. 551, referred only to officers drawing less than Rs. 100?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The question evidently refers to officers drawing less than Rs. 100.

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